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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, SENV, ETEL, EFIN, DR

SUBJECT: GOLF AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. AT HIS INSTANCE, FON MIN GOMEZ BERGES AND I LUNCHEDED YESTERDAY AT THE COUNTRY CLUB AND SPENT THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON TOGETHER ON THE GOLF COURSE. UPON TERMINATING, HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS A CIVILIZED WAY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AND PROPOSED THAT WE PLAN TO REPEAT IT ONCE A WEEK. NOT WISHING TO APPEAR UNCIVILIZED I FELL IN WITH HIS IDEA.

2. BURLY, SOMEWHAT EFFETE, THE YOUNG (33) DOMINICAN FON MIN HAS SINCE HE WAS TWENTY-FIVE ALREADY BEEN SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND SECRETARY OF EDUCATION. HE SPENT MOST OF LUNCH TIME IN A VOLUBLE, AUTOBIOGRAPHIC VEIN (MODESTY IS NOT HIS LONG SUIT) THE GIST OF WHICH WILL BE REPORTED ELSEWHERE. I TOOK UP THE QUESTION OF DOMINICAN DELINQUENCY IN MEETING THE AGREED-UPON SCHEDULE OF POSTAL DEBT REPAYMENT. I NOTED THAT DR. BALAGUER WAS BEING "PENNY WISE AND POUND FOOLISH" IN THAT WHILE HE WAS HOLDING ON TO SOME \$65,000 FOR A FEW EXTRA MONTHS HE WAS LOSING MILLIONS IN GOOD WILL AND REPUTATION, FOR ANGLO-SAXONS JUST DID NOT COMPREHEND PEOPLE WHO DID NOT PAY THEIR LEGITIMATE BILLS ON TIME. GOMEZ IMMEDIATELY OFFERED TO TAKE CARE OF THE MATTER PERSONALLY AND REQUESTED AN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THE SUBJECT HANDED DIRECTLY TO HIM.

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3. I ALSO MENTIONED THE PRESS PLAY REGARDING A PROPOSED DEEP WATER  
PORT IN PUERTO RICO. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS SHAPING UP  
AS A PROBLEM. HE PROPOSED THAT PUERTO RICAN TECHNICIANS COME TO THE  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR DOMINICAN COUNTERPARTS HOW THE  
PROJECT WOULD NOT RPT NOT DAMAGE DOMINICAN BEACHES, CATTLE OR  
AGRICULTURE. HE OFFERED TO CHAIR SUCH A MEETING AND I AGREED  
TO CONVEY HIS OFFER TO THE DEPT.  
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